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In re Application of	:	
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Application No.: 09/936,132	:	DECISION ON PETITION
PCT No.: PCT/GB00/00751	:	
Int. Filing Date: 03 March 2000	:	
Priority Date: 05 March 1999	:	
Attorney Docket No.: B-4294PCT 619054-4	:	
For: COMPUTING APPARATUS AND	:	
METHODS USING SECURE	:	
AUTHENTICATION ARRANGEMENTS	:	

This is a decision on applicants' "Request for Corrected (Filing) Receipt" which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.10(c) filed in the Patent and Trademark Office on 22 July 2002.

### BACKGROUND

On 04 September 2001, applicants timely filed a request to enter into the national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371 along with the appropriate basic national filing fee, a copy of the international application, an executed declaration and power of attorney, and a preliminary amendment.

On 16 October 2001, a Notification of Acceptance was issued identifying the 35 U.S.C. 371(c) date as 06 September 2001. Subsequently, an Official Filing Receipt was issued indicating a "FILING DATE" of 06 September 2001.

On 22 July 2002, applicants filed the present request to correct the filing date to 04 September 2002. The request to correct the filing date included a copy of the Customer Receipt of the United States Postal Service "Express Mail" mailing label #EL653176548US.

### DISCUSSION

On 22 July 2002, applicants filed the petition requesting that the filing date on the Notification of Acceptance and Official Filing Receipt be corrected to indicate the correct date on which the transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States and accompanying papers were filed and on which the requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 (c) were completed, 04 September 2001.

A copy of the Customer Copy of the "Express Mail" label No.#EL653176548US filed with the petition bears a "Date In" date of 04 September 2001, and further information

obtained from the United States Postal Service (USPS) Express Mail database shows that "#EL653176548US" was accepted by the USPS on 04 September 2001. The same "Express Mail" label number was placed on the transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States and accompanying papers located in the application file, but was date stamped as received in the PTO on 06 September 2001.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.10 (c), the promptly presented evidence is convincing that transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States and accompanying papers were filed on 04 September 2001. Thus, the application met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371(c) and thus entered the national stage in the United States on 04 September 2001, and therefore the indication of a filing date of 06 September 2001, on the NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 and the Official Filing Receipt are incorrect.

### CONCLUSION

Applicants' request for issuance of a corrected filing receipt under 37 CFR 1.10(c) is GRANTED.

Applicants' request for the correction of the title of invention to "Computing apparatus and methods using secure authentication arrangements" is GRANTED.

Applicants' request to issue a corrected filing receipt listing the Foreign Application as "United Kingdom 9905056.9 filed 03/05/1999" is GRANTED.

The Notification of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) and Official Filing Receipt are hereby VACATED.

The application has an international filing date of **14 December 1999** under 35 U.S.C. 363 and a date of **04 September 2001** under 35 U.S.C. 371(c).

This application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for treatment in accordance with this decision, that is, for mailing of a NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) which identifies a date of **04 September 2001** U.S.C. 371(c) and preparation and mailing of a corrected Filing Receipt in accordance with this decision, that is a filing receipt that identifies a filing date of **04 September 2001**.



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